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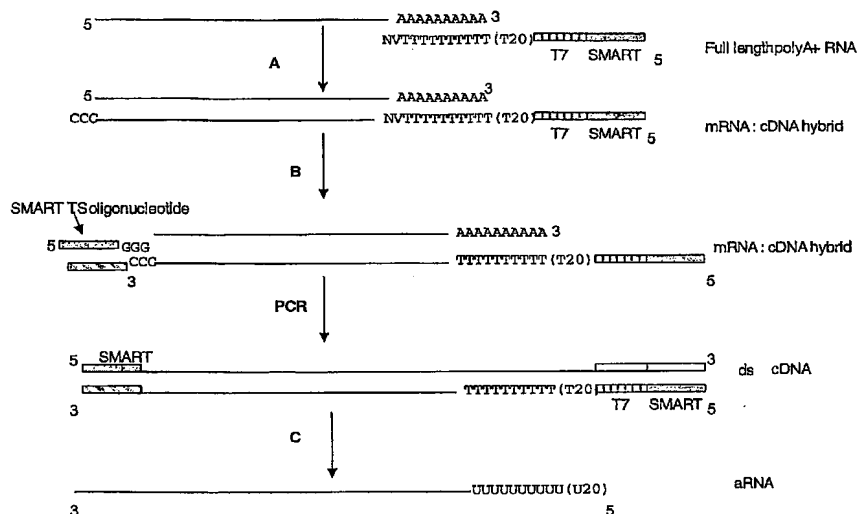
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(57) Abstract: The present invention combines the use of template switching with nucleic acid amplification - such as PCR - to generate amplification products representative of an entire RNA population. An RNA polymerase promoter sequence allows transcription-based amplification to be performed on the derived amplification products such that antisense amplified RNA (aRNA) or complementary RNA (cRNA) is produced for subsequent downstream applications.



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